

TRUSTEE ANUAL RETURE FOR THE PERIOD 14/6/2022 - 13/06/2023

Charity Name: Children Matter Foundation

Charity Number:1186168

Overview: Children Matter Foundation is a UK-based charitable organization dedicated to transforming the lives of disadvantaged children in Oyo State, Nigeria, through education. Our focus is to empower children up to the age of 16 by improving access to quality education. We believe that education is a powerful tool for breaking the cycle of poverty and creating lasting change. Our person-centered approach concentrates on a specific region in Nigeria, ensuring our efforts are impactful and tailored to the needs of the local community.

Mission: Our mission is to promote and improve access to quality education for disadvantaged children up to age 16 in Oyo State, Nigeria. We are committed to supporting out-of-school children and those at risk of losing their school place due to economic barriers, by providing the resources they need to stay in education. Our goal is to empower these children through education, helping them to reach their full potential and contribute to the development of their communities.

Vision: Children Matter Foundation envisions a future where every child in Oyo State has the opportunity to receive a quality education that empowers them to succeed and escape poverty. We aim to create a safe and nurturing educational environment, with modern facilities and resources, where all children, regardless of their socio-economic status, can learn, grow, and thrive.

Values:

Empowerment: Empowering children to become agents of change in their lives and communities through education.

Equality: Committed to providing equal educational opportunities for all children, regardless of their socio-economic background.

Collaboration: Building strong partnerships with local schools, educators, and communities to create meaningful impact.

Inclusivity: Valuing diverse perspectives and ensuring our programs are accessible to all children in need.

Integrity: Conducting all our actions with transparency, honesty, and accountability.

Initiatives: Children Matter Foundation focuses on addressing the educational challenges faced by disadvantaged children in Oyo State through a variety of initiatives: -

Providing Essential Learning Materials: Supplying children with educational materials, school uniforms, bags, and shoes to ensure they are prepared for school. -

Building a Purpose-Built School: Establishing a modern educational facility equipped with up-to-date technology and resources to enhance learning. -

Supporting School Fees: Assisting with the payment of school fees for children who are at risk of dropping out due to financial constraints. -

Holistic Child Assessments: Conducting comprehensive assessments with input from teachers and parents to determine each child's unique educational needs.

Impact: The impact of Children Matter Foundation is already visible in the lives of the children we serve. By providing necessary resources and support, we are opening up new opportunities for children who might otherwise be excluded from education. Our efforts are not only improving individual futures but are also contributing to the broader social and economic development of Oyo State.

Unique Approach: Our targeted approach sets Children Matter Foundation apart. By focusing solely on Oyo State, we ensure our resources are concentrated where they are needed most. We work closely with local schools, teachers, and communities to identify children who require assistance and tailor our support to meet their specific needs. This localized strategy allows us to make a significant impact in the lives of children and their communities.

Background and Inspiration: The foundation's work is deeply personal to its founder, who grew up in Oyo State and witnessed firsthand the challenges and disparities in access to quality education. Inspired by childhood experiences and volunteer work in local Sunday schools, the founder was driven to give back to the community and help children who, despite their eagerness and potential, face significant barriers to education. Through market research and direct conversations with teachers and headmasters in Oyo State, the foundation has confirmed the urgent need for its services.

Challenges in the Nigerian Education System: Nigeria faces a significant challenge with an estimated 10 million children aged 5 to 14 not in full-time education, despite compulsory education laws. In Oyo State, underfunded government schools, outdated curricula, poor facilities, and frequent teacher strikes further hinder access to quality education. Private schools, while offering better resources, are often unaffordable for families living in poverty. Children Matter Foundation seeks to bridge this gap by creating equal opportunities for all children to receive a quality education.

Global Goal Alignment: Children Matter Foundation aligns with Global Goal 4: Quality Education for All, by working to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all. Our initiatives are designed to overcome the educational barriers faced by disadvantaged children in Oyo State, supporting them to achieve their full potential.

Financial statement from the year 2022 to 2023

DATE	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE
01/06/2022			opening bal £3.05
31/07/2022			£3.05
31/08/2022			£3.05
23/09/2022	£86.39		£89.44
24/09/2022		£86.39	£3.05
31/10/2022			£3.05
31/11/2022			£3.05
19/12/2022	£3.50		£6.55
19/12/2022	£13.55		£20.10
20/12/2022	£24.39		£44.49
21/12/2022	£2.71		£47.20
23/12/2022	£2.71		£49.91
28/12/2022	£5.42		£55.33
31/01/2023			£55.33
06/02/2023		£42	£13.33
24/02/2023	£30		£43.33
24/02/2023		£30	£13.33
31/03/2023			£13.33
25/04/2023		£10	£3.33
26/04/2023		£2	£1.33
31/05/2023			£1.33
31/06/2023			£1.33
Total	£166.67	£170.39	

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